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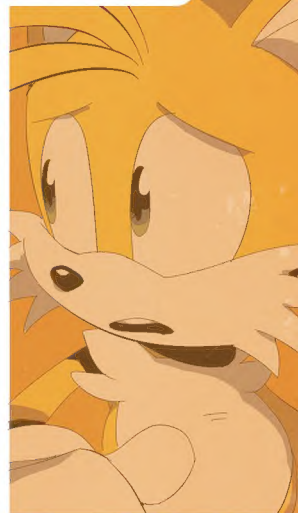
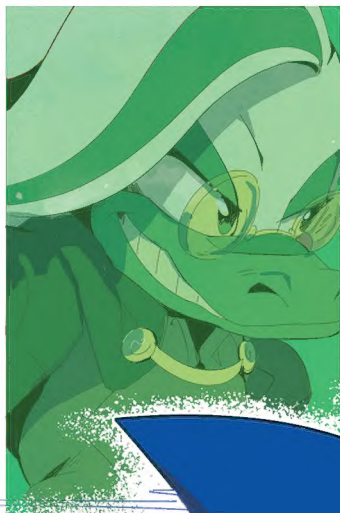
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## THE HEDGEHOG



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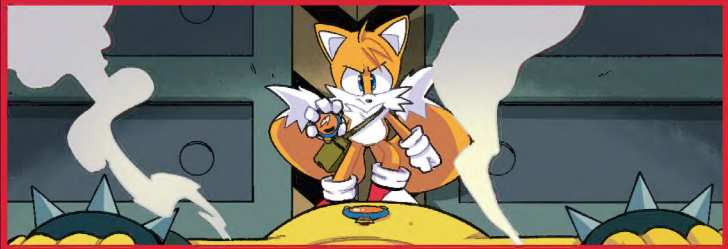
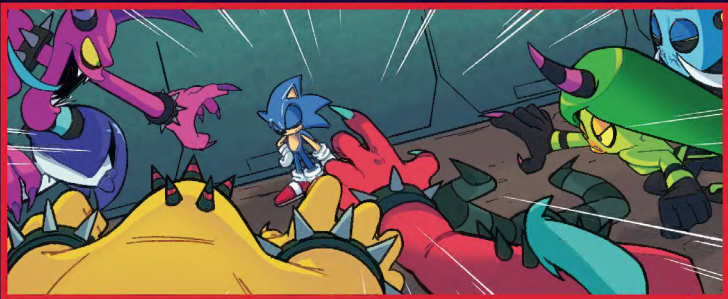
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STORY SO FAR



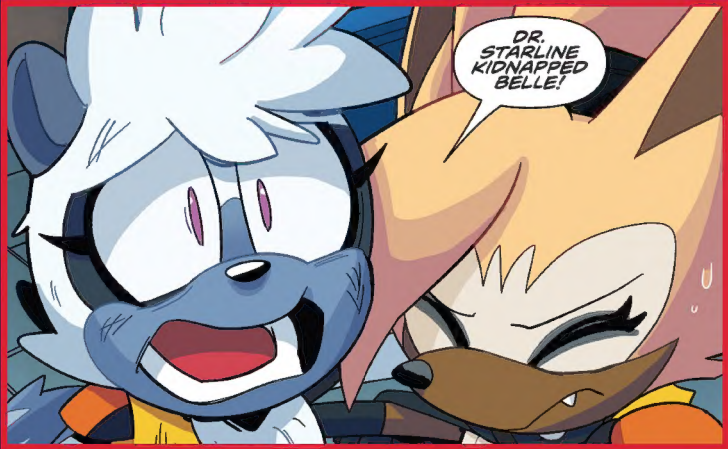
HURRY!  
TAG 'EM!

PERFECT  
TIMING!



YAY!  
SO--WE'VE  
GOT A BIG  
PROBLEM!

NAH. TAILS  
SHOWED UP AND  
SAVED THE DAY.  
THE DEADLY SIX  
ARE DOWN.  
WE'RE GOOD.



DR.  
STARLINE  
KIDNAPPED  
BELLE!



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.  
Fastest Thing Alive.



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**

Tech-savvy Sidekick.  
High-flying genius.



**BELLE THE TINKERER**

Clumsy Marionette.  
Enthusiastic new-comer.



**THE CHAOTIX**

Ace Detective Agency.  
Charmy, Vector, Espio.



**THE DEADLY SIX**

Zeti from Lost Hex.  
Zavok, Zik, Zazz, Zeena, Zomom, Zor.



**DR. STARLINE**

Theatrical Bad Guy.  
Former Eggman lackey.





YOU'RE NOT  
GOING TO OVER-  
POWER TAILS'  
TECH.

ON THAT  
NOTE...

EMERALDVILLE RUINS.



...YOUR  
RIDE IS  
HERE.





SO... WHAT IS TO BECOME OF US?

WE'RE SENDING YOU HOME.

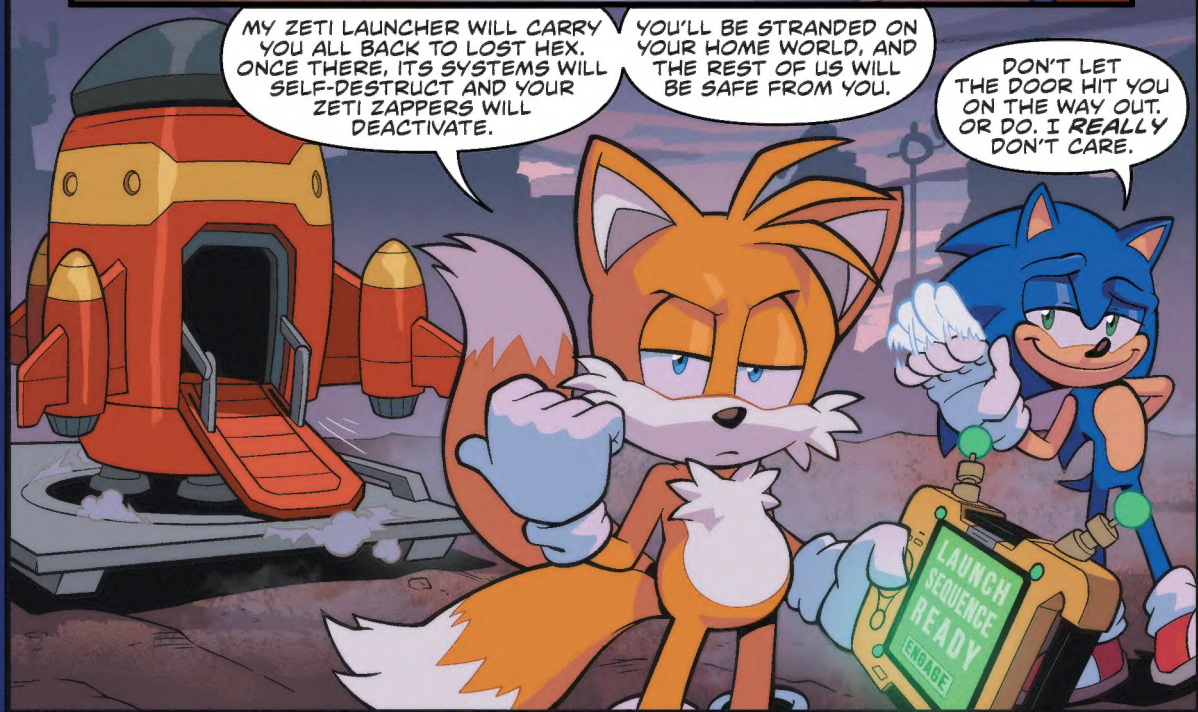
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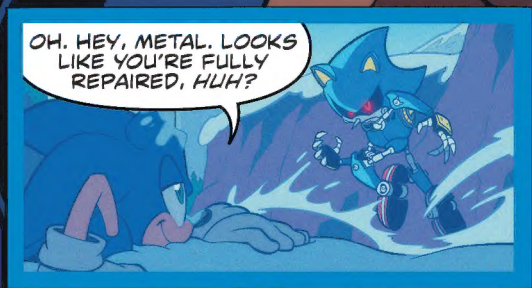
MY ZETI LAUNCHER WILL CARRY YOU ALL BACK TO LOST HEX. ONCE THERE, ITS SYSTEMS WILL SELF-DESTRUCT AND YOUR ZETI ZAPPERS WILL DEACTIVATE.

YOU'LL BE STRANDED ON YOUR HOME WORLD, AND THE REST OF US WILL BE SAFE FROM YOU.

DON'T LET THE DOOR HIT YOU ON THE WAY OUT, OR DO. I REALLY DON'T CARE.











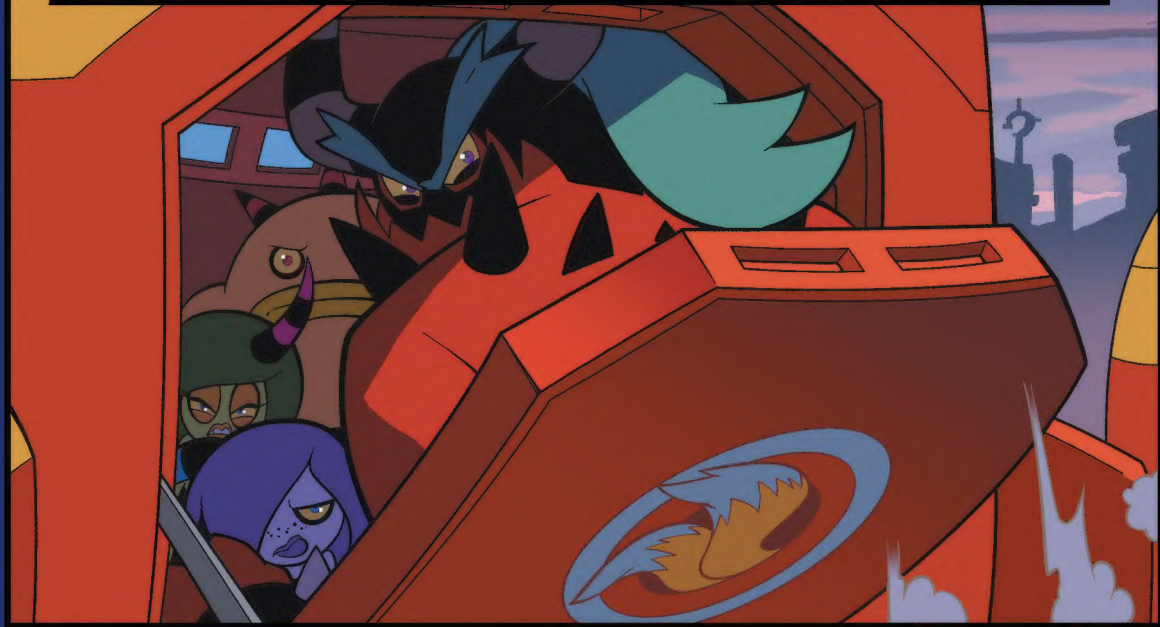
BUT I'M  
NOT GOING TO  
SACRIFICE MY  
PRINCIPLES OUT  
OF FEAR.



YOU WANT  
TO CAUSE MORE  
TROUBLE? FINE.  
WASTE YOUR TIME.  
I'LL KICK YOUR  
BUTT EVERY  
TIME.



HEH. I CAN  
RESPECT  
THAT.







THE ZETI LAUNCHER IS EN ROUTE TO LOST HEX, JEWEL. ANY WORD FROM THE CHAOTIX?



THEY MISSED THEIR LAST CHECK-IN. I DON'T KNOW IF IT MEANS THEY'RE BUSY OR IF SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED, OR...!



THEY MAY NOT SEEM ALL THAT PROFESSIONAL, BUT THEY GET RESULTS.

DON'T WORRY, JEWEL. IF ANYONE CAN FIND BELLE, IT'S THEM.



THAT SAID, IT WOULDN'T HURT FOR ME TO LOOK, TOO.

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, SONIC.

THE DEADLY SIX CRISIS MAY BE RESOLVED, BUT WE KNOW DR. EGGMAN IS UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS\*...



"...AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT DR. STARLINE IS PLANNING."

I-I'M BELLE. NICE TO MEET YOU...?

W-WHERE AM I?!  
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

FINALLY!  
YOU HAVE THE MOST  
OBTUSE  
START-UP  
ROUTINE.

THEN AGAIN, YOUR UNORTHODOX DESIGN IS PRECISELY WHY I SOUGHT YOU OUT!

I-I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

I'M NOTHING SPECIAL! I JUST REPAIR STUFF! AND MESS THINGS UP! NOT ALWAYS IN THAT ORDER!

THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN MEETS THE EYE. WE BOTH KNOW THAT.





PLEASE  
DON'T  
DISASSEMBLE  
ME...

PERISH  
THE THOUGHT!  
YOU ARE A UNIQUE,  
INCREDIBLY COMPLEX  
PIECE OF ART! I  
WOULDN'T DARE RISK  
DAMAGING YOU!



WE MAY HAVE HAD A  
FALLING OUT, BUT I STILL  
HOLD DR. EGGMAN'S WORK  
IN HIGH ESTEEM.



I  
WASN'T  
BUILT BY  
EGGMAN!



THAT'S TRUE... TO AN EXTENT.  
I SUSPECT YOU DON'T KNOW  
THE FULL STORY.

TH-THERE'S  
NO STORY  
TO IT.



TUT-TUT,  
LITTLE PUPPET.  
LIES WILL MAKE  
YOUR NOSE  
GROW.





DR. EGGMAN  
LOST HIS MEMORIES  
AFTER ONE OF HIS  
MOST CRITICAL  
DEFEATS.



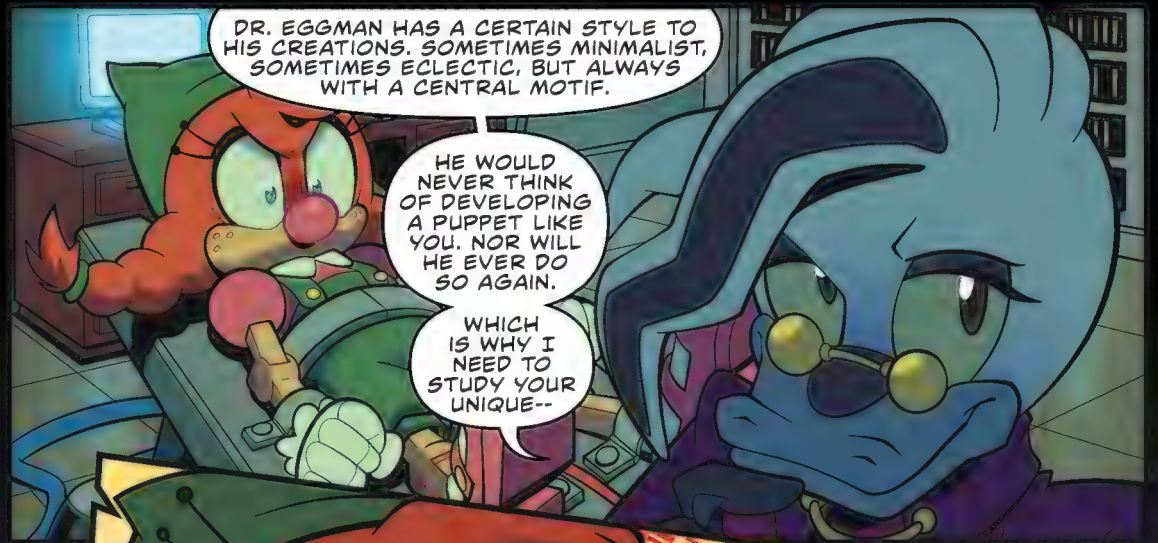
HE TOOK ON  
THE PERSONA  
OF MR. TINKER,  
A KINDLY INVENTOR  
AND REPAIR  
MAN.

SO I TOOK  
HIM IN AND  
WENT TO GREAT  
LENGTHS TO CURE  
HIM OF THAT  
STATE OF MIND.

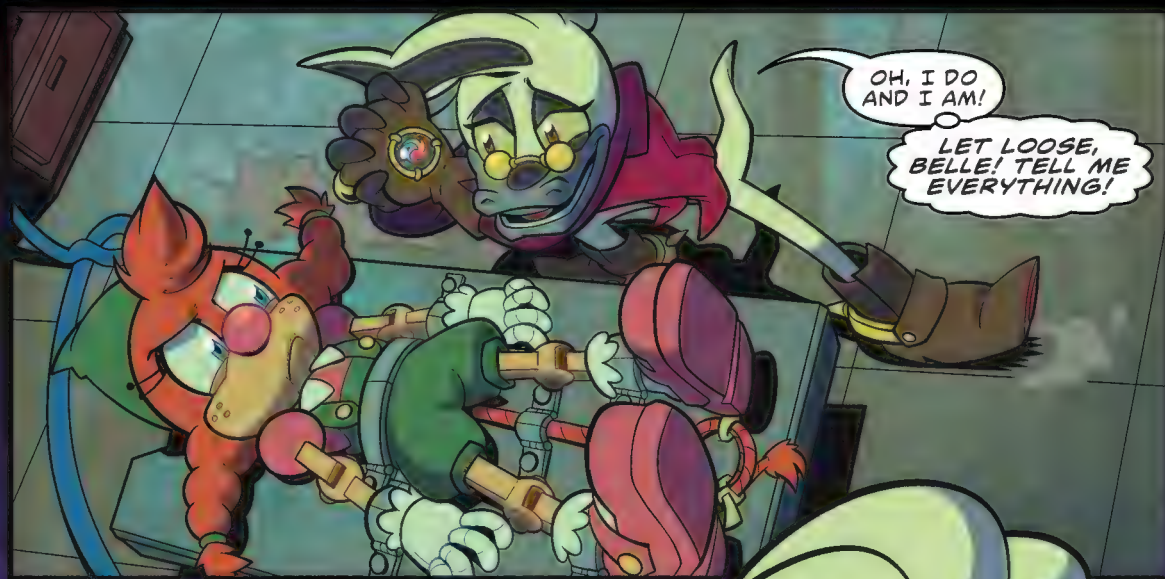
WITH...  
SOME  
ASSISTANCE  
FROM METAL  
SONIC...









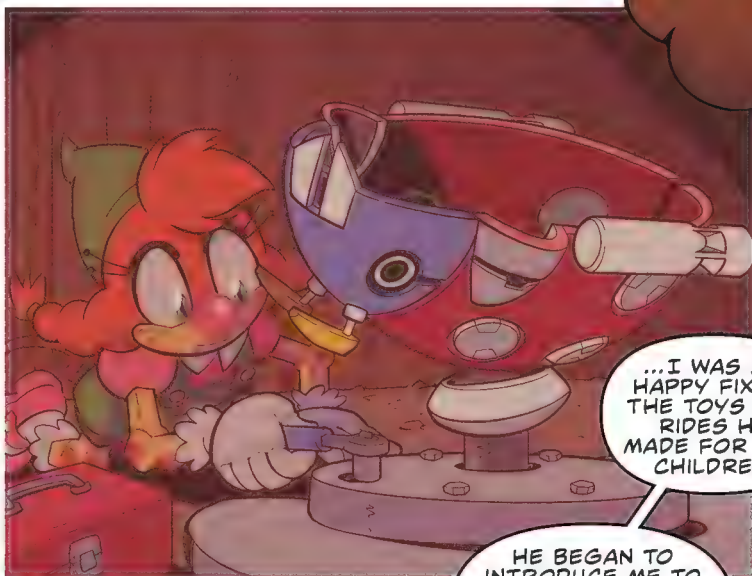






HE WAS  
MISTER!  
TINKER!

HE WAS KIND!  
AND SWEET! AND  
FUNNY! AND... I  
LOVED HIM SO  
MUCH...



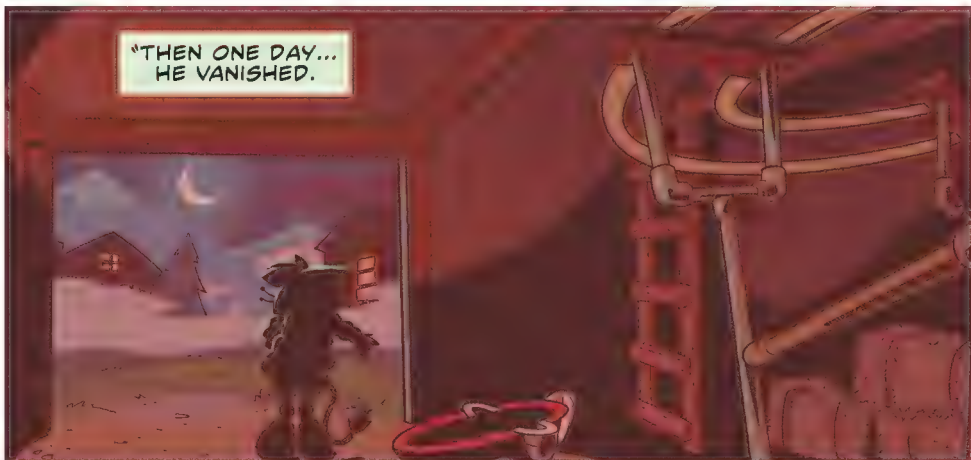
...I WAS SO  
HAPPY FIXING  
THE TOYS AND  
RIDES HE  
MADE FOR THE  
CHILDREN.

HE BEGAN TO  
INTRODUCE ME TO  
THE VILLAGERS.  
THEY WERE NERVOUS  
AROUND ME, BUT  
WILLING TO GIVE  
ME A CHANCE.

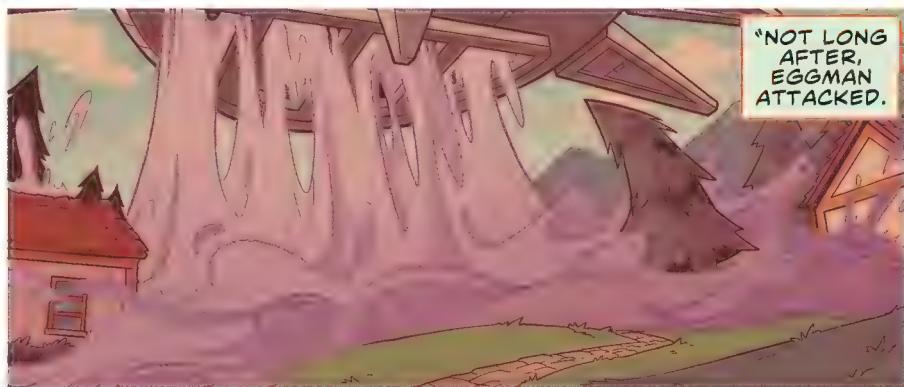




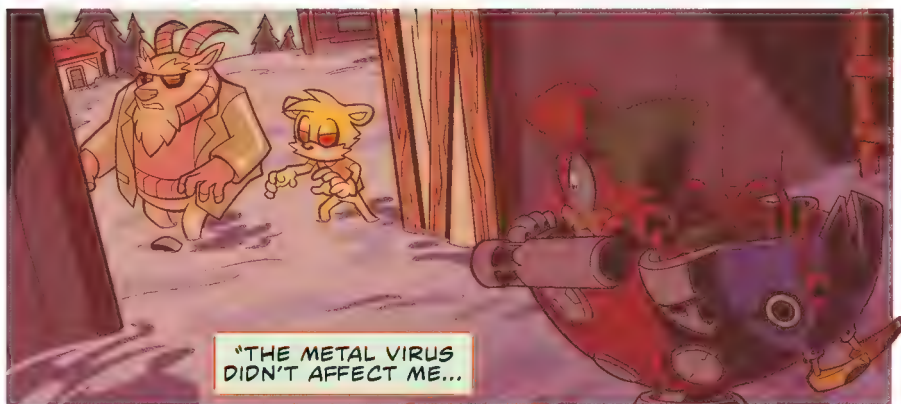
"THEN ONE DAY...  
HE VANISHED."



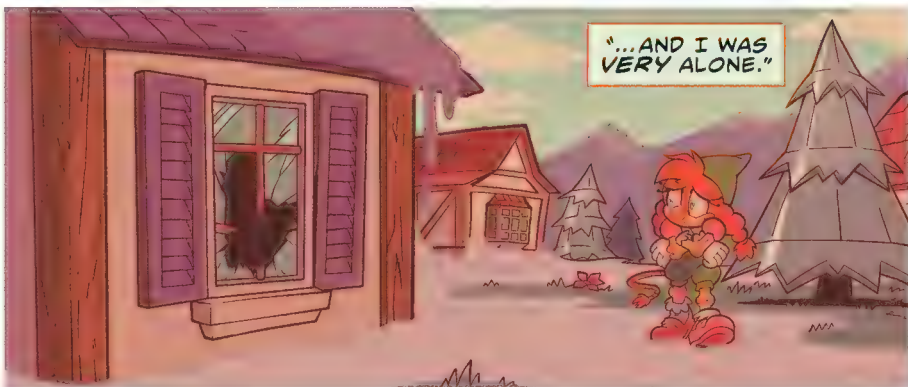
"NOT LONG  
AFTER,  
EGGMAN  
ATTACKED."



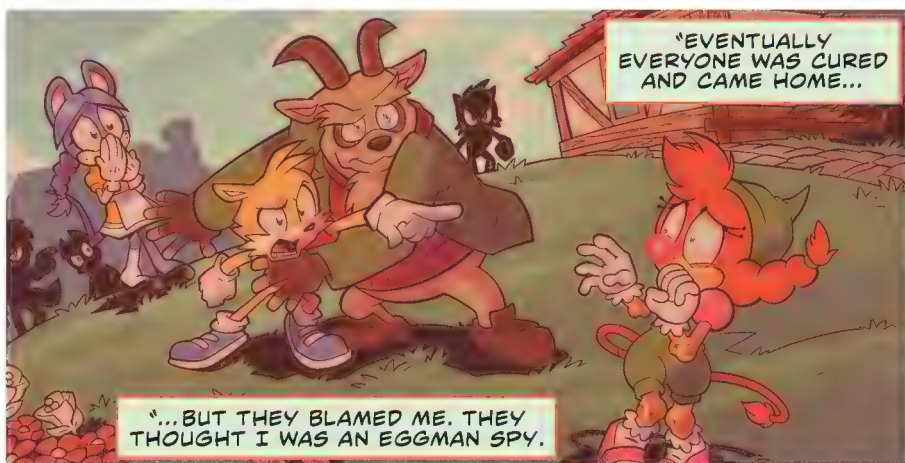
"THE METAL VIRUS  
DIDN'T AFFECT ME..."



"...AND I WAS  
VERY ALONE."







"EVENTUALLY  
EVERYONE WAS CURED  
AND CAME HOME..."

"...BUT THEY BLAMED ME. THEY  
THOUGHT I WAS AN EGGMAN SPY."



"THEY BROKE DOWN AND  
RECYCLED EVERYTHING  
MR. TINKER BUILT..."

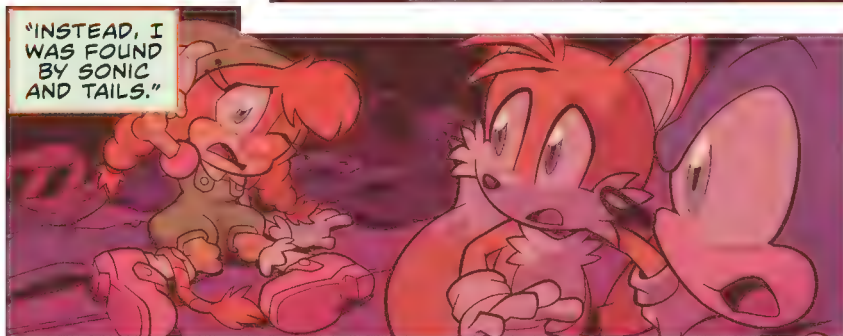


"...AND GOT MAD  
IF I TRIED TO  
FIX ANYTHING."



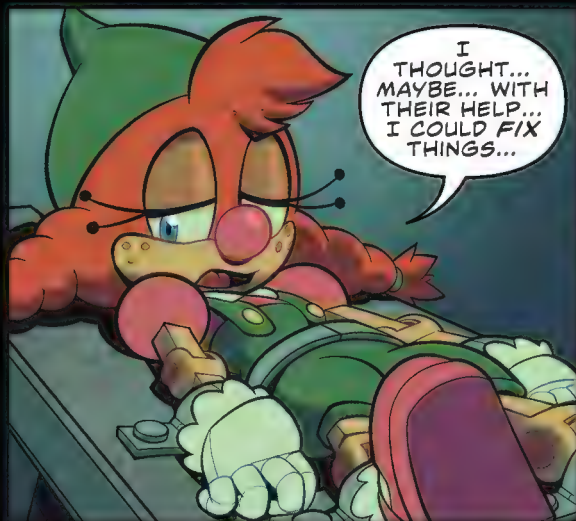
"SO I RAN  
AWAY. I  
LOOKED  
FOR... HIM."

"I THOUGHT...  
MAYBE IF I  
FOUND HIM, I  
COULD TALK TO  
HIM. MAKE HIM  
COME BACK...  
AS MR. TINKER."



"INSTEAD, I  
WAS FOUND  
BY SONIC  
AND TAILS."









KEEP QUIET.  
WE'LL ESCAPE  
WHILE HE'S  
DISTRACTED.



AND ON  
TOP OF IT  
ALL, THERE'S  
GHOSTS?!



WAIT A MINUTE...  
YOU'RE THAT  
DETECTIVE-NINJA  
GUY...

...THAT  
CAN TURN  
INVISIBLE...

...AW,  
SAWDUST.



OH, FOR  
PITY'S  
SAKE...



...GIVE  
IT UP, DOC!  
THE CHAOTIX  
HAVE YOU  
SURROUNDED!





GRACIOUS.  
HOW DID YOU  
FIND ME SO  
QUICKLY?

**CLAP  
CLAP**



ALL PART OF  
BEING A GOOD  
DETECTIVE.

YEAH!  
AND NOW  
WE KNOW  
WHERE YOUR  
EVIL LAIR  
IS!

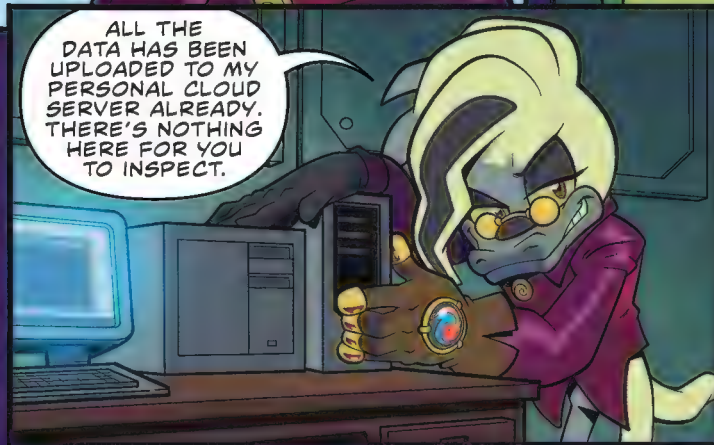


HAHAHA! MY  
DEAR CHILD, YOU  
THINK *THIS* MODEST  
FACILITY IS MY  
HEADQUARTERS?



WELL... I  
DID... UNTIL  
YOU LAUGHED  
LIKE THAT  
JUST NOW...

DOESN'T  
MATTER. WE'RE  
BRINGING YOU IN AND  
RAIDING YOUR FILES.  
WE'LL KNOW WHAT  
YOU'VE BEEN UP TO  
SOON ENOUGH!



ALL THE  
DATA HAS BEEN  
UPLOADED TO MY  
PERSONAL CLOUD  
SERVER ALREADY.  
THERE'S NOTHING  
HERE FOR YOU  
TO INSPECT.



BUT  
JUST TO BE  
SURE...









BETTER LUCK  
NEXT TIME,  
DETECTIVES.  
AND MISS BELLE?  
THANK YOU.



YOU'VE  
BEEN VERY  
HELPFUL.



ARGH!  
HE'S TOO  
FAST!

ARE YOU  
OKAY? DID  
HE HURT  
YOU?



HE  
BROKE MY  
HEART.

LIKE...  
LITERALLY?  
'CAUSE TAILS  
CAN MAYBE  
FIX THAT.



NO...

SHH... IT'S  
GONNA BE  
OKAY NOW.

I'M HERE.  
AND YOU'VE  
GOT FRIENDS  
WAITING FOR  
YOU.



MEANWHILE--  
LOST HEX.

FWOOOSH

CLUNK

THEY WERE  
TRUE TO THEIR  
WORD.


ONE OF A  
HERO'S MANY  
WEAKNESSES.

WELL... HERE WE  
ARE. BACK HOME  
WITH NOTHING TO  
SHOW FOR IT.

MAN... I  
DON'T EVEN  
FEEL LIKE  
BREAKING  
ANYTHING...

BEEP






CONSIDER, MY  
PACK, THAT WE TOOK  
ON A CONQUEST FAR  
GREATER THAN ANY  
ZETI EVER DARED  
UNDERTAKE.


THERE IS  
HONOR AND GLORY  
TO BE FOUND IN THAT,  
THOUGH OUR VICTORY  
WAS STOLEN BY THESE  
RODENTS BY A HAIR'S  
BREADTH.

BUT  
IN DEFEAT,  
THERE IS  
KNOWLEDGE.



THESE PALTRY  
TRICKS CANNOT DEFEAT  
US AGAIN. LOST HEX  
WILL NOT CONTAIN  
US FOREVER.

WE WILL  
RETURN TO THE  
WORLD BELOW WITH  
A VENGEANCE.  
WISER.  
STRONGER.



AND  
EVEN MORE  
RUTHLESS  
THAN BEFORE.

**THE END OF THE DEADLY SIX--FOR NOW!**  
**NEXT TIME: TRIAL BY FIRE!**





**NEXT MONTH**





# SONIC

# LETTERS SQUAD



*Bye bye, Zeti and hello, Sonic Friends! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Matt Froese, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for the final part of "Zeti Hunt"! But if you're like me, you're wondering just what it was Dr. Starline wanted from Belle... While we ponder that, let's check out your letters and art!*

My name is Cassie and I am sixteen years old. Sonic the Hedgehog has been one of my favorite characters for a long time. I used to read some of the older Sonic comics, and while I was looking for some at the library, I found *Sonic the Hedgehog Volume One: Fallout*, containing issues one through four of your current comics. I was hooked! I immediately went searching for the next issues, and bought the ones not available at the library on Google Play. The most recent one I've read is #33 (I'm a little behind), which contains your interview with Evan Stanley, who I was shocked to find out is a girl! She is one of my favorite artists for these comics, and it was a pleasant surprise to find that out. Thanks for making such awesome

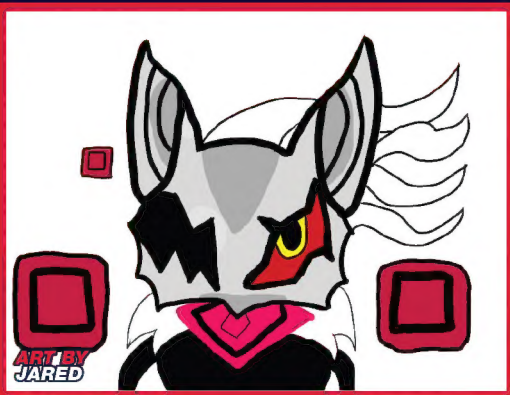


comics! I have one question though: Will Tangle be in any more issues? She's one of my favorite characters! Keep on spinnin'!

*Hi Cassie! We love to hear that readers are finding Sonic at their local library! We love our local library (and have been known to check out the Sonic comics on our Library Pass app). And we're really glad you were pleasantly surprised by the creator corner! One of our goals in running those every other month is to let fans get to know the people making the comics a little bit more because chances are, you'll relate as other people who love Sonic! As per Tangle, we got to see her a bit last issue and she'll be back as part of our next arc, "Trial by Fire," starting next issue!*

Hi Ian Flynn and Evan Stanley and everyone working on the Sonic comics! My name is Brian, I'm 20 years old and I'm about to turn 21 this year. I've been a Sonic fan since I was 3 years old and ever since then I've followed Sonic and will for the rest of my life! My mom and dad got me into Sonic by buying me a





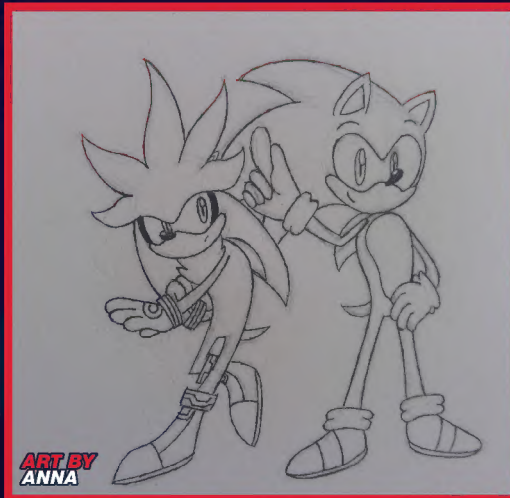
Sonic plush and my first Sonic game is Sonic Heroes. I got into the comics since issue 1 and I love every single issue that's come out since then. Keep up the good work on the comics and can't wait for issue 50!!

*Hi Brian! Very cool that you've been a Sonic fan for so long! We've got some big plans in place for Sonic #50, but before we can get there, we're going to be asking you and everyone else to join us on The Road to Sonic #50, a ten-part countdown starting next issue! But, as I'm sure you're thinking, next issue is #45 and there aren't 10 issues between #45 and #50. Well, we're about to kick off a brand-new Sonic mini-series in November! We'll be revealing more details when we can (keep an eye out and it may've already been announced), but rest assured, you're not going to want to miss an issue in this epic story, all coming together in part 10, issue #50 itself, coming in 2022!*

The *Sonic the Hedgehog 30th Anniversary Special* is hands down one of the greatest Sonic comics ever put together! Every panel was charming and delightful and felt like the culmination of everything that made Sonic a special series for me. I really feel like these classic stories deserve their own series. I know so many other fans want to see more of the classic characters we never get to see in the main line series. Also we'd get far more Knuckles and I, nay the earth, needs more Knuckles! <3

With chili dogs and Love,  
Preston M.

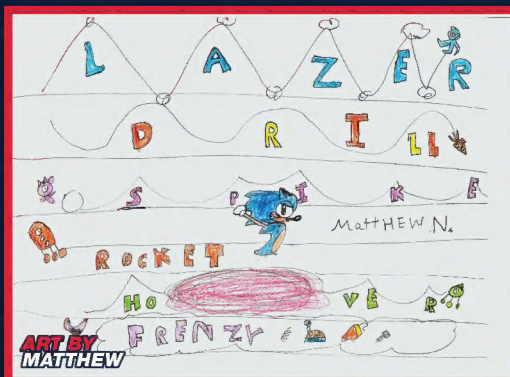
P.S. seeing Tracy Yardley! on pencils was nice and would love to see him on the



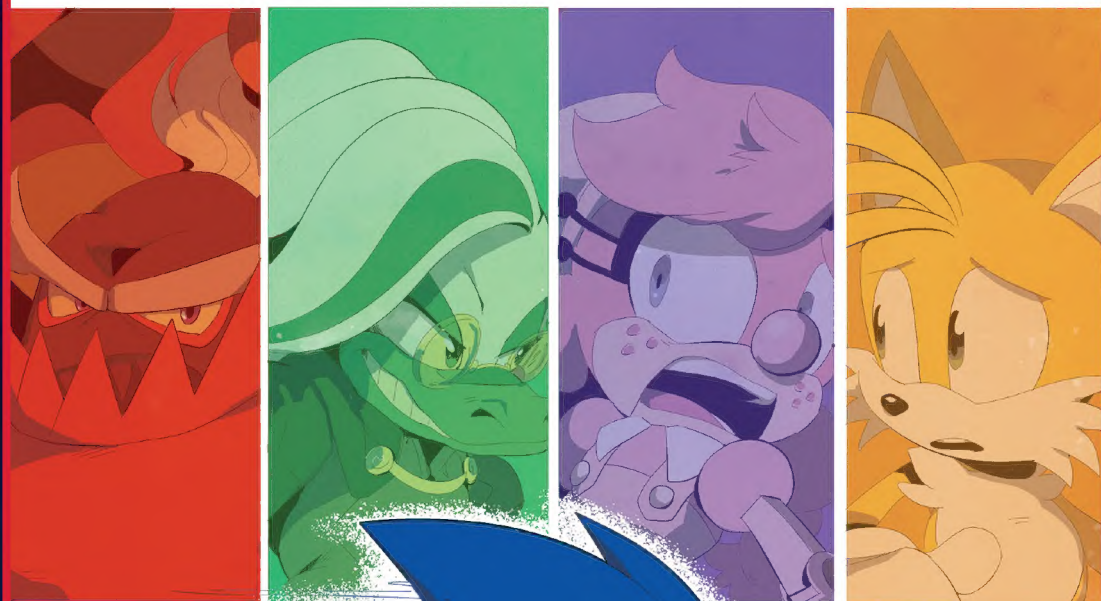
books more! He defined Sonic visually for me growing up.

*Hey Preston! Glad you enjoyed the 30th Anniversary Special! We loved putting it together and felt it was worthy of Sonic's 30th birthday! We love the world of the Classic characters and will definitely revisit them—and already did! Did you have a chance to pick up the 2021 Free Comic Book Day Special with another new Classic Sonic story from Gale Galligan, Thomas Rothlisberger, and Nathalie Fourdraine? Not a lot of Knuckles, unfortunately, but plenty of great Amy time! And, speaking of Tracy, yeah, his pencils on this issue and #42 were spectacular! Thanks so much to him for joining us once again!*

Now thank you for joining us, Squad. Please don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, the girls go camping in "Trial By Fire," part one!

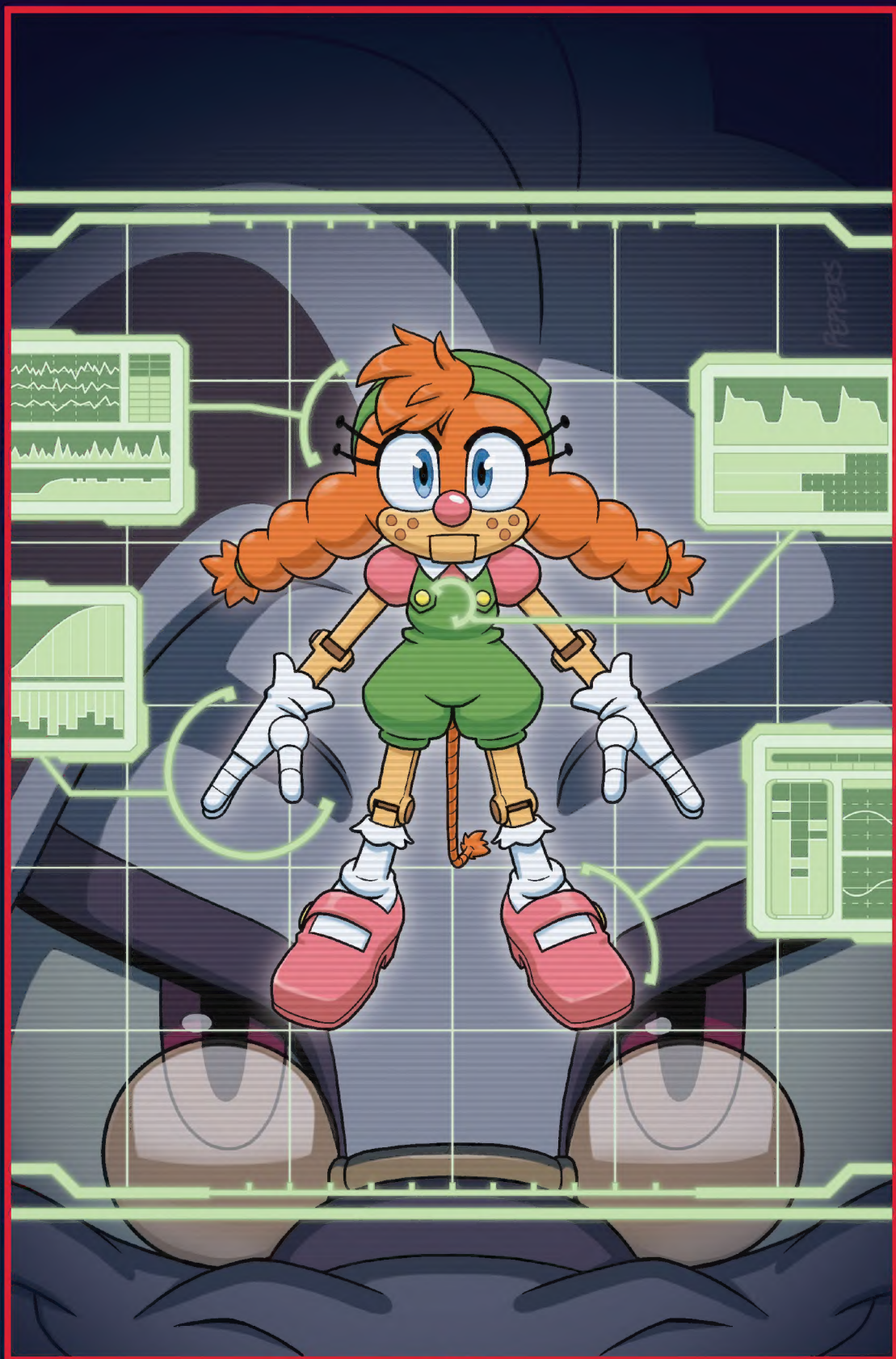






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